

PUBLIC NOTICE
Clarification Regarding Passing Criteria and Review of Questions in
AEC Screening Test
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The Election Commission of Pakistan (ECP) informs all candidates who appeared in the MCQs-based Screening Test for the post of Assistant Election Commissioner (AEC) just to remove any confusion / misunderstanding as follows:

1. Passing Criteria and Shortlisting for Essay Paper

- Candidates are advised that the qualifying marks for the screening test are 60%. Only those candidates who secure 60% or above will be considered to have qualified the screening stage.
- Furthermore, for the next phase of recruitment, the Essay Paper, candidates will be shortlisted strictly on merit.
- 15 candidates against each seat as per open merit or provincial quota, as the case may be—from amongst those who have qualified the screening test—will be called to appear in the Essay Paper. For example, if there are 5 seats of one province and 200 candidates have qualified the screening stage, 75 candidates shall be called for the essay paper.

2. Passing Criteria and Shortlisting for Interview.

- Following the Essay Paper, the qualifying criteria will be 50% marks. Only candidates securing 50% or above in the Essay Paper will be deemed to have qualified this stage. However, like previous stage, shortlisting will be done for interview phase too.
- The merit list for shortlisting of candidates for interview shall be worked-out by factoring in the cumulative marks secured in MCQs and English Essay Writing Examinations, subject to obtaining of 50 percent marks in English Essay Writing examination.
- Accordingly, 05 candidates shall be shortlisted for interview against each quota seat in light of the policy of the Federal Government enunciated in the Establishment Division OM No.F.53/1/2008-SP dated. 03-03-2015.

3. Clarification Regarding Questions No. 59 and 99

During the post-examination review, it was identified that Questions No. 59 and 99 of the screening test did not contain correct answer options among those provided. As all candidates were equally affected, the competent authority has decided that:

- Grace marks for both questions will be awarded to all candidates who appeared in the test.
- These marks will be added uniformly and reflected in the final scoring.
- The ECP remains committed to ensuring transparency, fairness, and equal opportunity for all candidates throughout the recruitment process.

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